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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTION ON FORD-DEMIREL MEETING IN  
BRUSSELS

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1. ALL MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES MAY 30 PROMINENTLY REPORTED THE MEETING  
BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND TURKISH PM DEMIREL AND GAVE  
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH GREEK PM CARAMANLIS.

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2. HEADLINES INCLUDED FOLLOWING: "DEMIREL TOLD FORD NOT TO

INTERFERE WITH TURKISH-GREEK NEGOTIATIONS - UNITED STATES  
AGREED TO PROTECT GREECE IN RETURN FOR BASES IN GREECE -  
FORD AND KISSINGER REITERATED OLD SCENARIO. THERE IS NOTHING  
LEFT FOR TURKEY BUT TO CLOSE DOWN AMERICAN BASES" - HURRIYET  
(MASS CIRCULATION, POPULAR); "DEMIREL, TERMING THE  
EMBARGO AS PRESSURE, TOLD FORD THAT AMERICA HAS LOST ITS CHARACTER  
OF BEING RELIABLE. FORD...TOLD CARAMANLIS THAT HE WAS A  
WAITER IN A GREEK RESTAURANT" - IN  
GUNAYDIN (MASS CIRCULATION, POPULAR); "DEMIREL MET WITH  
FORD, WILL TALK WITH CARAMANLIS TOMORROW" - IN TERCUMAN  
(CONSERVATIVE); "DEMIREL-FORD MEETING NOT NEGOTIATION BUT  
SIMPLY A TALK - DEMIREL SAID, 'WE SHARE THE SAME VIEW WITH  
FORD ABOUT THE HARM OF THE EMBARGO' - BARGAINING FOR  
PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT STARTED IN BRUSSELS. TURKEY WISHES  
TO BUY YF-16 AMERICAN PLANES" - IN CUMHURIYET (MODERATE LEFT);  
"DEMIREL: 'WE AGREE WITH FORD ON THE EMBARGO'S HARM'" - IN  
MILLIYET (LIBERAL).

3. MILLIYET CORRESPONDENTS SAMI KOHEN  
AND MEHMEALI BIRAND REPORTING FROM BRUSSELS WROTE THAT  
THE DEMIREL-FORD MEETING WAS A TALK, NOT NEGOTIATIONS, AND  
THAT NOTHING NEW WAS ADDED, THAT THERE WAS ONLY REPETITION  
OF WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN SAID. WHILE CARAMANLIS REPORTEDLY  
TRIED TO GET THE U.S. TO EXERT PRESSURE ON TURKEY, FORD'S  
TALK WITH DEMIREL WAS NOT INTERPRETED AS BEING OF THAT  
NATURE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT FORD SIMPLY CONVEYED CARAMANLIS'  
WORRIES TO DEMIREL. MILLIYET ALSO REPORTED THAT TURKEY'S  
HOPES HAVE RISEN THAT THE EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED AND MAY BE  
WILLING TO WAIT A FEW MORE WEEKS FOR THE OUTCOME.

4. CUNEYT ARCA YUREK, WRITING FROM BRUSSELS FOR HURRIYET,  
REPORTED ON THE DEMIREL-FORD MEETING AT LENGTH, INCLUDING  
EXTENSIVE QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO BOTH WHICH TOUCHED ON THE SUBJECTS  
OF GREEK-TURKISH TENSIONS AND WEAKENING OF THE ALLIANCE.  
HE ALSO REPORTED THAT DEMIREL TRIED TO GUIDE THE CONVERSATION  
ALONG LINES OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE ARMS  
EMBARGO RATHER THAN DISCUSSING CYPRUS. PRESIDENT FORD WAS  
REPORTED TO HAVE ASSURED DEMIREL THAT THE UNITED STATES  
WOULD NEVER SACRIFICE A FRIENDLY COUNTRY LIKE TURKEY AND  
THAT HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE CONGRESS REACH A FAVORABLE DECISION.  
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SION, AND IF THERE WAS NOT A FAVORABLE BALANCE IN JULY,  
THEN HE DEBATES COULD BE DELAYED FURTHER. DEMIREL WAS  
REPORTED TO HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS SAYING, "IF A SOLUTION  
IS NOT FOUND TO THE EMBARGO QUESTION IN TURKISH-US RELATIONS  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I FEAR THAT WE WILL REACH A POINT MUCH  
GRAVER THAN TODAY'S. TURKEY NO LONGER HAS THE PATIENCE TO  
WAIT." DEMIREL ALSO REPORTEDLY ADVISED THE UNITED STATES  
NOT TO INTERFERE IN GRECO-TURKISH CONFLICTS, WHICH WOULD

HAVE TO BE SOLVED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.  
ARCAYUREK ALSO REPORTED THE BRIEFING GIVEN BY ASST. SECSTATE  
HARTMAN AFTER THE FORD BILATERALS.

5. METIN TOKER IN HURRIYET AND UGUR REYHAN IN TERCUMAN  
DESCRIBED THE OUTCOME OF THE DEMIREL-FORD TALKS AS WHAT WAS  
EXPECTED: NOTHING NEW. TOKER COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS ONLY  
ONE THING LEFT FOR TURKEY TO DO: "CLOSE DOWN ALL AMERICAN  
BASES WITHOUT WASTING ANY MORE TIME." REYHAN REPORTED THAT  
DEMIREL SAID TO FORD, " OUR DECISION ABOUT THE BILATERAL  
AGREEMENTS AND THE AMERICAN BASES IN TURKEY WILL BE  
UNILATERAL JUST LIKE YOUR ARMS EMBARBO AGAINST US."

6. ANOTHER HURRIYET CORRESPONDENT, SERIF SAYIN, REPORTED FROM  
BRUSSELS THAT CARAMANLIS CONVINCED FORD THAT THE UNITED  
STATES MUST PROTECT GREECE AGAINST TURKEY. IN RETURN,  
GREECE REPORTEDLY WILL GIVE THE UNITED STATES NEW STRATEGIC  
BASES WHEREVER THE US WANTS AND PARTICULARLY ON THE ISLANDS.  
IT IS REPORTED THAT GREECE MAY ALSO RETURN TO NATO'S MILITARY  
WING. SAYING REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT REVIEWED POSITIVELY  
THE "GREEK-AMERICAN NON-AGGREGRESSION PACT" DRAWN UP BY HE  
GREEK GENERAL STAFF.  
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